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SUBJECT: USN-BRAZILIAN NAVY COMMAND POST EXERCISE

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1. JBUSMC IS PROPOSING TO PASS NOVEMBER 17 LETTER FROM CNO ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY TO BRAZILIAN NAVY MINISTER SUGGESTING BOTH NAVIES HOLD CPXS OVER NEXT YEAR. CPXS WOULD BE BASED UPON THREE SCENARIOS: COLLISION AT SEA, SUBMARINE RESCUE, AND WHAT USN TERMS "COLD WAR" EXERCISE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC.

2. WE SEE CPXS AS A USEFUL AND INEXPENSIVE MEANS TO PROMOTE USG-GOB NAVAL COOPERATION. WE ARE WARY, HOWEVER, OF THIRD SCENARIO WHICH HAS USN AND BRAZILIAN NAVIES ENGAGING HOSTILE, OBVIOUSLY SOVIET, SUBMARINES BASED IN A COUNTRY ON THE HUMP OF AFRICA, WHICH ARE HARASSING BRAZILIAN SHIPPING. USDEL JBUSMC HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED SCENARIOS WITH BRAZILIAN NAVY AND RECEIVED ITS CLEARANCE. WE HAVE DOUBTS, HOWEVER, THAT EITHER PLANALTO PALACE OR ITAMARATY, IF CONSULTED BY BRAZILIAN NAVY, WOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS SCENARIO AT TIME WHEN TOPIC OF BRAZILIAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE IS SENSITIVE. DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL THAT BOTH ADMIRAL HENNING AND FORMIN SILVEIRA HAVE SPOKEN OUT RECENTLY AGAINST NEED FOR SPECIAL MEASURES FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC SECURITY (REFTEL A AND REFTEL B).

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3. CHIEF, NAVY SECTION JBUSMC HAS IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTMENT

HAS CLEARED SCENARIOS,BUT WE WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT ARA HAS
FOCUSSED ON THEM. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGE
IN PROPOSING THIRD SCENARIO IF ONLY TO TEST GOB ATTITUDES
RE SOUTH ATLANTIC QUEESTION. EVEN SO, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT
BROADER CONSIDERATION RE CPX WITHIN CONTEXT OF FUTURE USG
DEFENSE POLICY IN SOUTH ATLANTIC HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY
DEPARTMENT.

4. WE ARE HOLDING UP CNO'S LETTER PENDING INDICATION
DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED SUBJECT. PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE
CABLE.
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